

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Richard V. Muralidar
HIDEYUKI NISHIDA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2838
Application No.: 10/806,162	)	
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Filed: March 23, 2004	)	
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For: RECHARGEABLE BATTERY,	)	
AND APPARATUS AND	:	
METHOD OF CHARGING THE	)	
SAME	:	March 9, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated December 9, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: